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General Counsel's Office Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20463

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in response to a complaint against the Arizona Republican Party filed by Daniel Schneider of Washington, D.C. - MUR 5581

Mr. Schneider has charged the Arizona Republican Party with violating the 1971 Campaign Finance Law by engaging in activities to obtain signatures to place Ralph Nader on the Arizona ballot for President.

The Arizona Republican Party did not engage in any activities to obtain signatures to place Ralph Nader on the Arizona ballot for President. The accusation is completely without merit and presents no evidence to warrant the complaint.

Specifically referring to Mr. Schneider's letter, Counts 8-10:

- 46. The Arizona Republican Party is not a political action committee, and it did not engage in activities to place Ralph Nader on the ballot.
- 47. No staff of the Arizona Republican Party or members of the Arizona Republican Party directed Republicans to sign the Nader petitions. Mr. Schneider cites unsubstantiated claims in an Oregon newspaper article.
- 48. The state party did not engage in any activities to collect signatures to put Nader on the ballot. Mr. Schneider again cites an obscure reference from an out of state news source.
- 49. Mr. Schneider again cites an obscure reference by Arizona Democrats in an Arizona newspaper to claim that a former employee of the Arizona Republican Party was involved in funding the effort to put Ralph Nader on the ballot in 2004. The referenced former employee, Nathan Sproul, has not been an employee of the Arizona Republican Party since 2001.

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- 50. (a) Mr. Schneider claims that Steve Wark formed a political committee to raise money to help put Ralph Nader on the ballot. Neither Steve Wark or his political committee have any association with the Arizona Republican Party.
- (b) An obscure reference to an unnamed activist not associated with the Arizona Republican Party.
- (c) Lisa Hauser is not a lawyer for the Arizona Republican Party, and is not directly associated with or employed by the Arizona Republican Party.
- 51. The Arizona Republican Party is not a political action committee.
- 52. The Arizona Republican Party is not a political action committee and did not contribute to the Nader campaign.
- 53. No efforts were taken by or at the direction of the Arizona Republican Party for the Nader campaign.
- 54. The Arizona Republican Party never made any direct or in-kind contributions to the Nader campaign.
- 55. The Arizona Republican Party is not a political action committee.
- 56. The Arizona Republican Party contributed no services to Nader/Camejo 2004.
- 57. The Arizona Republican Party is in no violation of federal law.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Any additional information needed please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Dennis P. Booth, Treasurer Arizona Republican Party

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